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GROUP 3635  
PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.